

SMALL GROUP OF RED CHINESE TROOPS CROSSES INTO BURMA ON "GOODWILL VISIT" TO HELP KACHIN VILLAGERS NEAR BORDER

(From Our Own Correspondent)

MYITKYINA, August 12—Red Chinese designs for the absorption of the Kachin State into their territory by peaceful infiltration have developed to a stage where they feel it safe to send small detachments of troops across the border into Burmese territory on visits to the local population.

Reports have been received that during the course of last week a group of Red Chinese regulars led by a non-commissioned officer visited Kachin villages between Sadon and Kambaiti, in Myitkyina East. The Chinese soldiers told the people of this remote area that they had come on a friendly visit bringing the greetings and good wishes of the people from across the border in China.

They said that they had come to see how the people in the area were getting on and to offer them any assistance they might need, for example, in their cultivation. The Red Chinese officer asked the Kachins to visit his camp at Chafa (MR: N/B 67/43) where they could buy many of the things they needed at low prices.

Chafa, in Numi sub-district of Yunnan, has been turned into an Army camp recently, with the arrival of many hundreds of Red Chinese regulars, it is reported. Barracks have been constructed for the accommodation of 5,000 troops, it is stated. Also identified at the camp with the Chinese forces are about 500 Kachin regulars, under Mrang Gam Dee.

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